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**Rotary**  
Club



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when we are meeting face to face



**Rotary**  
District 9685



**THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK**  
**MEMBERS' NIGHT**

**Chairman: President Kaye**  
**Reporter: Theo Glockemann**

## Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation release position statement on COVID-19 vaccination

As the first organization to envision a polio-free world through mass immunization of children, Rotary believes the decision to vaccinate is a humanitarian imperative. The Rotary International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees believe that:

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic, and we strongly encourage vaccination for all individuals, including our members.
2. Misinformation hinders the fight against COVID-19, and we are committed to providing our members with science-based information.
3. Rotary is engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Through joint efforts with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance we are leveraging our frontline experience with polio to facilitate vaccine delivery.
4. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services. We encourage clubs to offer recognition and encouragement to these heroes.
5. Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 prevention and vaccination efforts.
6. As one of the greatest advances of modern medicine, vaccines are safe, effective and save millions of lives each year. They have eliminated or controlled numerous diseases such as polio, smallpox, measles, and Ebola, and now, there is the opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccination.
7. The eradication of polio remains the goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can continue to apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to COVID-19 response efforts.

Dated December 16, 2021

The zoom link each week is <https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/81944023881?pwd=ZkpEQ0hINmNVakM4SDcwb1NiUjBldz09>

## MEETING REPORT

### 22nd December - Our Club Christmas Party

We were fortunate to be able to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of Maureen and Terry at their home for this final meeting of 2021. There was a great attendance of both current members and their partners plus a number of friends of the club. Indeed, there were 32 in attendance in beautiful surroundings with the catering under the control of Pam Hudson and Maureen Pankhurst, our host. The food was plentiful and varied - and the setting lent itself to a great opportunity to move around and catch up with friends that perhaps you hadn't seen for a long time. Immediate past member and great Rotarian, Ian Chappel, joined us for the evening. Due to his residence now being in the Blue Mountains, Ian was pleased to be able to catch up with his many friends in the club - he has recently joined the Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club. Others to join us were Betty Graham, our honorary auditor Merrill Mathie, Sue Robards & Bev Young. All in all, a great night to wrap up the first half of the Rotary Year!



Above - Our gracious hosts



The editor won the lucky door prize much to John Ellis' disgust!

## WELFARE REPORT

Concern is expressed for member Ian Huckel who is currently in Westmead Hospital. He had been in Westmead Rehabilitation Hospital following his fall and broken hip. However, he has contracted Covid whilst there and has been moved to the main hospital for treatment. Currently there is no visitation.

As most are aware, Pat Parker and Claude Rigney tendered their resignations as at December 31. The board has offered both fellows Honorary membership allowing them to maintain close contact with the club and members. We are able to advise that both Pat and Claude have accepted that offer so that we will not lose contact with them or with Sandra and Jeanette.

President Kaye was finally able to present a Pride of Workmanship Award to **Jagdeep Singh Virk** just prior to Christmas. She had nominated him for his excellent service at 'The Brook' restaurant at Cherrybrook. Jagdeep has since taken a position at Frankie's Café, at Flower Power, Glenhaven where the presentation took place.



## January is Vocational Service Month.

The following is an excerpt from RI President Shekhar Mehta's comments this month -

*"I've also been fortunate to use my vocation to do good through Rotary. The Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 devastated the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which are part of my district. Thousands of homes were destroyed, and many areas lost electricity and running water. On my visit to Little Andaman Island, the builder in me immediately wanted to build homes for the homeless islanders there. We decided to construct 500 homes on Little Andaman.*

*On the last of my seven trips to the island, I could see something glimmering below as my helicopter was about to land. I realized that what I was seeing were the roofs of new homes. I was overjoyed by the sight, and soon a realization dawned upon me. As a builder I had built many beautiful buildings. In comparison, these 500 homes were the most ordinary buildings I had ever built, and they were in a place I likely will never visit again, for people I will never meet again. And yet the satisfaction I had in handing over these houses was greater than from anything I had previously built. Probably because for once I was using my vocation to Serve to Change Lives.*

*You, too, may have had opportunities to use your vocation to Serve to Change Lives. I welcome your stories of performing vocational service through Rotary. Also, I want to close by congratulating every club that has engaged with the Each One, Bring One initiative, which asks every member to introduce one person to Rotary. Increasing our membership gives people from all walks of life the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills in transformational service."*

*Shekhar Mehta*

## How to Include All Members in Projects despite Covid - reprint from 'The Rotarian'

DURING THE COVID-19 pandemic, clubs have coordinated their service projects virtually. As more people get vaccinated and case numbers drop in your area, you can start to plan in-person community service projects again. However, there are club members who have compromised immunity or cannot get vaccinated due to other health reasons. How will you plan an inclusive project that takes into account those members who may not be able to participate in person?

All community service events require a great deal of planning and detail work. Members whose health is at risk don't have to do the physical portion of the project; instead, they can be deployed to work on the planning portion. This way they can be both safe and included. Sensitivity on the part of the club will inspire members to perform at a higher level and reach new heights for our clubs.

## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
Jan 12	<b>Members' Night</b> <b>Via Zoom</b>		Pres Kaye	Theo Glockemann	?	
Jan 19	TBA <b>Via Zoom</b> Australia Day Celebration <b>Cancelled</b>		Jim Fraser	TBA	TBA	
Jan 26	<b>Australia Day Public Holiday</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>				
Feb 2	<b>Members' Night</b>					
Feb 7	<b>Board Meeting @ 7.30pm</b>					
Feb 9	<b>Members' Night</b> TBC					
Feb 16	<b>Visit to Thornleigh Community Garden</b> TBC					
Feb 23	<b>RYLA Youth Speaker</b> TBC					

For all the tennis and Novak Djokovic fans!



**Last Meeting - 22.12.2021**

Attendance - 79%

Apologies: H Chan, D Huang, I Huckel, P Parker

Guests: M Ameen, W Bell, H Firth, E Fraser,  
G Glockemann, Peter Hudson, M Pankhurst, R Reid,  
J Rigney, H E Li, L Stanton, M Mathie, B Young,  
B Graham, S Robards

Visiting Rotarian: I Chappel - RC of Lower Blue Mountains

**Anniversaries & Birthdays**

**Birthdays:**

John Ellis - January 30

Jack Reid - January 30

**Anniversaries:**

Theo & Georgia Glockemann - January 4

George & Dorothy Green - January 17

**Inductions:**

Pam Hudson - January 20

Ahmadul Ameen - January 22